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Foreign Minister Karkalainen returning Finland today ahead of schedule. President Kekkonen's schedule remains unchanged. He due arrive Helsinki November 3. Brief communique issued after special half-hour cabinet meeting yesterday stated that Cabinet had "familiarized" self with Soviet note, that government study continuing, and that official Finnish version will be distributed Parliament as soon as completed.

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Numerous party meetings being held. Conservative, liberal, Swedish representatives called on Prime Minister yesterday to propose formation coalition government democratic parties. Top Communist, Herta Kuusenen, in press statement yesterday parroted charges in Soviet note and said "It in interest Finnish people that negotiations start soon as possible".

Press today continues highlight Soviet note, including many stories reaction from West Germany and Scandinavian countries.

HELINGEIN SANOMAT printed excerpts Paasikivi interpretations Mutual Assistance Pact in which he stressed existence of threat envisioned by pact "established" only when both parties agree such threat exists (EMBDES 219 October 24, 1955). Paper also published Parliamentary Committee reports on pact making same point. Conservative UUSISUOMI editorial referred to statement by Finnish professor international law Castren yesterday giving same interpretation as Paasikivi. Paper added Finland does not see threat Soviets describe. "It difficult believe West Germany, which does not possess nuclear weapons, would seriously even plan attack Soviet

Union which

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Union which has strong nuclear weapons... it important
this opinion be clearly expressed in forthcoming negotiations".
Swedish language HUFVUDSTADSBLADET editorial follows similar
line.

Agrarian (government) MAAKANSA (repeat KAAKANSA): Foreign
press discussion Soviet note only "speculation". There
reason remember note does not criticize GOF and its foreign
policy and that tone of note not otherwise unfriendly towards
Finland. SOSIAL DEMOKRAATTI: "We have received proposal
for negotiations (and) it matter of course Finland will
continue fulfill all obligations it has assumed. But it
naturally also clear we will present our own view of
international situation and obligations arising from it.
As already pointed out, to us course of events has appeared
much less threatening and by no means such as note describes it."
Skogist PAIVAN SANOMAT: Finland "naturally ready negotiate."

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